

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

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"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the ones who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs."

This is the first stanza of a poem written by Edgar Guest. Although the Bible is quite clear that "faith comes from hearing," it is also clear that growing in faith comes from living it out in our daily lives. As James writes, "faith without works is dead." (2:26) When Jesus called His disciples, He said, "Follow Me..." Jesus did teach his disciples, but He knew that they would learn best through example and by participating in His mission. We can read any number of books or sit through a series of lectures about any topic, but it is only by doing that we can become accomplished at any given task.

Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and **does them** will be like the man who built his house on the rock." (Matthew 7:24) Paul wrote, "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things." (Philippians 4:9) A teacher at the family Bible camp we attend said his congregation's mission statement is "**Know, Go, & Grow.**" We are "to **Know** God and our church family; to **Go** out into our neighborhood, workplace, school, et. and be examples of Christ's love for all people; and as we know and go, we will **Grow** deeper in relationship with God and others. Three words that can be remembered and put into practice: "**Know, Go, & Grow**"

The Prophet Hosea wrote, "Let us press on to know the Lord." (6:3) In the Acts of the Apostles, we witness the early church being "devoted to the apostle's teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42) This is the model for the Church. The Church needs to become a much brighter light in the world today. We need "the encouragement of the Scriptures" and "fellowship with one another" so that we can "speak the word of God with boldness" as we share the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Together in Christ,

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MISSION STATEMENT

As members of North Immanuel Lutheran Church and in recognition of the gift of grace we have received through Jesus Christ, our Mission is:

- To develop a personal and Spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- To provide an environment for the continuing Education and further teachings of all ages,
- To reach out to welcome all to grow with us in faith through worship and serving others in our community and throughout the world.

CEMETERY BOARD OFFICERS

Chairman—Duane Ishaug (218) 280-0589
Treasurer—Judy Johnson (218) 863-2204
Secretary—Tom Axness (218) 329-6882

North Immanuel is Online:

<http://www.facebook.com/NorthImmanuelLutheranChurch>
<http://www.nilchurch.org>

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Following Worship service

Rally Sunday 2026

Rally Sunday is September 13, 2026. Sunday School Classes will be held after services beginning on Rally Sunday. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School or have any questions, please contact: Erin Tollerud, Jane Knorr, Kara Tollerud, or Krystle Meyer.

KITCHEN REMODELING PROJECT

THE KITCHEN REMODELING PROJECT HAS BEGUN. WE WILL BE HAVING FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION YOU CAN DROP IT IN THE SUNDAY OFFERING PLATE OR MAIL IT TO THE CHURCH TREASURER. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INDICATE THAT YOU WANT THE FUNDS TO GO TOWARDS THE PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT A COUNCIL MEMBER.



North Immanuel Church Council Minutes

August 12, 2026

Present: Karen Bakken, Jane Knorr, Nolan Dunham, Duane Ishaug, David Aas, Grant Meyer, Bryant Briard, Leon Dunham, Pastor Nate Bjorge, and Shyla Strandlien Treasurer

Absent: Erin Tollerud, Tom Axness

Called to order by Duane Ishaug at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions led by Pastor Nate.

Treasurers Report – Shyla was able to set up a separate category on the financial report for the kitchen remodeling funds, so they are easier to track and report. We will prebuy 1700 gallons of propane for heating this year. We have already had the summer propane fill done. Report placed on file.

Darlene Hovland got a bid from Reuben, the cabinet maker's brother-in-law, to paint the kitchen. It will be \$1500.00 plus the cost of the paint. The color selected was Soft Landing which is a beige color. She was instructed to buy quality paint. The paint will be purchased from Strand Hardware. David Aas made a motion to hire Reuben to paint the kitchen using the kitchen remodel funds at the cost of \$1500.00. Karen Bakken 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's minutes reviewed by council before meeting. David Aas made a motion to approve. Bryant Briard 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Pastors Report – Visitations. He shared about his recent vacation out west.

Committee Reports –

Evangelism and Worship – Outdoor worship is complete for the summer. We will start to think about next summer and changes we should make to improve the worship service. Teen Challenge will be here on October 11th. We will have potluck. Planning will be completed at the next council meeting. The council will serve the event.

Stewardship – Talked about some different fundraising ideas to help offset the cost of the kitchen remodel. Possibly a chili cook off on November 1st. More discussion will be held.

Christian Education – Vacation Bible School was a successful event. We were grateful for all the volunteers we had and the children that attended. Rally Sunday will be on September 13th. We will get together and start planning soon. Cotton Candy Machine was one of the suggestions.

Property and Management – Discussion held on kitchen remodel. We will be replacing both stoves and the refrigerator in the backroom. The rest of the cupboards will be loaded up this week. The countertop has been taken out. The painting will be done before cupboards are replaced.

Old Business –

Gideons – September 27th was selected as a date to invite them to come and share their ministry during church service. David Aas will contact Duane Haiby.

Benevolence – Some Place Safe operates strictly on donations. The Pelican Police Department has an emergency fund that they use for people in urgent need of some assistance.

Karen Bakken made a motion that we give Pelican Rapids Some Place Safe \$500.00. Bryant Briard 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

New Business-

The music group would like to get some more microphones. The mixer is large enough to handle more microphones. Someone is interested in donating \$500 to upgrade the sound system. Discussion was held on the sound system.

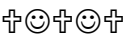
We should begin fundraising now to help offset the cost of the kitchen remodel. Jane Knorr will place a notice in the seed and feed. We will run it in the bulletin also.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Knorr

North Immanuel Lutheran Church	
July 31, 2026	
Year to Date Income	\$61,067.97
Year to Date Expenses	\$59,383.75
Net	\$1,684.22
*Not included in the above: Kitchen Project: \$37,000 transfer in from CD and CD interest; \$7,500 paid out so far. \$29,500 remaining funds.	
For those who’d like to give from afar or schedule recurring giving, online offering now available! Visit our website at NILChurch.org or scan the QR code:	
	



Thank You

Thank you to the North Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation for the 20-year plaque in recognition of my 20-year Anniversary as Church Secretary.

God Bless, Kara Tollerud

NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

First and Third Sunday of each month

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship services

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Wednesdays

Serving Opportunities

- Serve Sunday Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. following worship
- Be a Reader Sunday morning
Reading material is available ahead of time
- Offer special music for worship service
Contact Bonnie H, Conni A, or Pastor Nate

Nate Bjorge, NILC Pastor

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David Aas, Worship

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Karen Bakken, Worship

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Come Grow old with me, the Best is Yet to Be

The Following is a list of our members who are either in a Senior Living Facility, Nursing Home, or are homebound in some way.

We understand that at times like this, you may want to call ahead to see if a personal visit is encouraged or welcomed. If not, a phone call, a note or card in the mail goes a long way to warm a heart & brighten a day.

Dennis Stoen

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Dennis is living in the Pioneer Home in Deerwood.

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The most important thing you can give the elderly is your TIME.
Time is the most precious gift of all, and it doesn't cost a thing.



Birthdays are a good time to reflect on the blessings that you have been given by God. Here are our members who have birthdays in September so we can help each other celebrate.

Judy Johnson	09/01	Carolyn Stoen	09/13
Colin Zinnecker	09/01	Jordan Fouquette	09/13
Larry Hovland	09/02	Jane Hovland	09/16
Casey Klovstad	09/02	Kyle Haugrud	09/16
Mason Christianson	09/02	Carlan Haugrud	09/17
Larry Pederson	09/06	Jay Hovland	09/17
Jessica Thompson	09/06	Candi Dunham	09/18
Kara Tollerud	09/06	Callahan Wiser	09/18
Gunnar Shulstad	09/07	Waylon Briard	09/20
Conni Axness	09/10	Megan Spiekermeier	09/22
Bryce Spiekermeier	09/10	Ila Ishaug	09/27
Kasjen Meyer	09/10	Mitchell Johnson	09/27
Cheryl Nelson	09/11	Everett Fearing	09/27
Craig Haugrud	09/12	Arvid Evenson	09/28
Christina Aas Jones	09/13		

This list is not yet complete. If you have a birthday in September and your name is not here, or if the date we have is incorrect, please call it to Kara so we can update our records. May your birthday be a blessed one!

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	3	4 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH LAST QTR MOON	5
6 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	7 LABOR DAY	8	9 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	10	11 PATRIOT DAY 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH NEW MOON	12
13 GRANDPARENTS DAY; RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	14	15	16 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	17	18 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH 1 ST QTR MOON	19
20 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	21 Deadline for October S&F and Calendar	22 FALL BEGINS	23 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	24	25 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	26 FULL MOON
27 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	28	29	30 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH		Greeters: Tanner & Amanda Nelson (6 & 13); Larry & Jane Hovland (20 & 27)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***

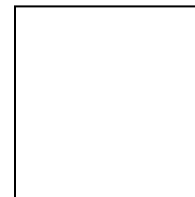
KEY: PTS=Pastors' Text Study; PDO=Pastor's Day Off; LL=Luther League; POH=Pastor's Office Hours; SS=Sunday School; HC=Holy Communion; WS=Worship Service; Conf.=Confirmation; BS=Bible Study; LS=Lenten Service

“Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated.”
—Joseph Beaumont



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